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Lincoln Home National Historic Site Hosts Award Ceremony on June 14 for *An Historic Christmas* program

SPRINGFIELD, IL: Lincoln Home National Historic Site and its partners won a National Park Service Midwest Region “Excellence in Partnership Merit” award for their collaborative planning, promotion and implementation of Springfield’s “An Historic Christmas” program. The media, program sponsors, park partners, and the general public are invited to attend this award presentation, at 10:00 a.m., on June 14, at Lincoln Home’s Visitor Center. At this ceremony Lincoln Home’s Superintendent Dale Phillips and Chief of Interpretation Laura Gundrum will present the below organizations with their National Park Service partnership merit award.

- Vachel Lindsay Home State Historic Site
- Edwards Place at the Springfield Art Association
- Elijah Iles House
- Pasfield House Inn
- Sound Celebration Chorus (Members of Sweet Adelines International)
- Lincoln Home National Historic Site

Over 1000 visitors attended “An Historic Christmas” program that was held on December 17, 2011, at the Vachel Lindsay Home State Historic Site, Edwards Place Historic Home, Pasfield House Inn, Elijah Iles House, and Lincoln Home. Each site, decorated for the holidays, featured:

- a historic home tour,
- a visit by Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln,
- Christmas caroling by Sound Celebration Chorus, and
- special activities such as children’s crafts, poetry reading, and Soldiers’ Aid Society program.



As Lincoln Home's Superintendent Dale Phillips says, "By working together, five downtown Springfield historic homes and a local a cappella women's chorus were able to tell a richer, more complete story of the way Christmas was celebrated in the mid 1800s when Lincoln walked the streets of Springfield. This program also serves as a model for planning future downtown Springfield historic site programs." The historic homes thank the following sponsors who helped make this program a tremendous success: Eastern National, Pasfield House Inn, Vachel Lindsay Association, Downtown Springfield INC, Jon and Sandy Hockenyos, Soldier's Aid Society, R.L. and Carolyn Moore, Whitaker Music, and Sangamon County Historical Society.

The Lincoln Home Visitor Center is located at 426 S. 7th Street in downtown Springfield. For additional information about this National Park Service "Partnership Merit award" please contact Superintendent Dale Phillips at 217-391-3222 or dale_phillips@nps.gov or Chief of Interpretation Laura Gundrum at 217-391-3215 or laura_gundrum@nps.gov.

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